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SUBJECT: CRAWFORD CASE: EMBASSY PROTESTS KGB INTERRO-
GATION OF CHELLMAN

REF: MOSCOW 20190

1. CONSULAR COUNSELOR CALLED ON MFA USA DIVISION
COUNSELOR V.F. ISAKOV AND FIRST SECRETARY P.D. PAVLOV
AUGUST 25 TO PROTEST CHELLMAN INTERROGATION, AS INDI-
CATED PARA 7, REFTEL.
2. COUNSELOR PROTESTED FACT THAT CHELLMAN HAD BEEN
INVITED TO ACCOMPANY CRAWFORD TO LATTER'S KGB INTERRO-
GATION AUGUST 23, BUT WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT LEFORTOVO
ON THAT DATE, THEY WERE ASTONISHED TO LEARN THAT
INSTEAD OF BEING PERMITTED TO ATTEND CRAWFORD'S INTER-
ROGATION, CHELLMAN WITHOUT WARNING WAS SUBJECTED TO
SEPARATE INTERROGATION AS WITNESS LASTING ALMOST SEVEN
HOURS, WITHOUT A BREAK EVEN FOR LUNCH. SINCE CHELLMAN
WAS WANTED AS WITNESS, HE SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED FORMAL
SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN THAT CAPACITY. COUNSELOR ALSO
REMARKED THAT SINCE CHELLMAN HAD NOT BEEN IN USSR
DURING PERIOD OF CRAWFORD'S ALLEGED CURRENCY VIOLATION,
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HE COULD NOT EVEN BE CONSIDERED FIRST-HAND WITNESS.
COUNSELOR CONCLUDED BY REQUESTING THAT STEPS BE TAKEN
TO PREVENT RECURRENCE OF HARASSMENT OF CHELLMAN AND
THEN HANDED NOTE ON SUBJECT TO ISAKOV (COPY POUCHED
TO DEPARTMENT).

3. ISAKOV REPLIED THAT MFA HAD ALSO BEEN UNDER IMPRES-

SION THAT CHELLMAN HAD BEEN INVITED TO ACCOMPANY CRAWFORD DURING LATTER'S INTERROGATION AND THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO MATTER AND REPORT RESULT TO EMBASSY. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IT DID NOT APPEAR TO HIM THAT EMBASSY HAD ANY RIGHT TO PROTEST LENGTH OF INTERROGATION, SINCE KGB INTERROGATOR MAY DETERMINE HOW LONG HE NEEDED WITNESS. REPLYING TO EMBASSY COMMENT THAT CHELLMAN WAS NOT FIRST-HAND WITNESS, ISAKOV STATED THAT KGB DECIDES ON WHAT WITNESSES IT NEEDS FOR CASE, SO THAT EMBASSY COMMENT IS IRRELEVANT.

4. COUNSELOR REPLIED THAT HE WOULD REPORT ISAKOV'S REMARKS TO DEPARTMENT BUT REQUESTED FORMAL MFA REPLY TO NOTE. ISAKOV STATED SUCH REPLY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. TOON

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